GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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AREAS IN RAILWAYS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain thrust areas in the Railways were identified for development during the 10th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress achieved so far during the 10th Five Year Plan;

(d) the growth rate of Railways during the 10th Five Year Plan period; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Railways to achieve the desired target growth rate during the 11th Five Year Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFEREED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3425 BY SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA, SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO, SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL AND SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.4.2007 REGARDING AREAS IN RAILWAYS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The areas identified include (i) Growth in freight and passenger traffic (ii) Capacity Augmentation (iii) Technology upgradation & modernisation (iv) Rationalization of rail tariff and (v) Participative Project Funding.

(c) & (d) During the 10th Plan period, the Railways have surpassed its targets for freight and passenger traffic and achieved annual growth rate of over 8% in freight and 4.5% in passenger traffic. As regards capacity expansion, over 900 kms. of new lines, 4400 kms. of gauge conversion, 1300 kms. of doubling have been completed during the same period. Further, nearly 1800 kms. of railway electrification and 24,000 kms. of track renewals have also been done. Railways have also surpassed the targets of diesel and electric loco production and of production of passenger coaches.

(e) The steps proposed to be taken by the Railways during the 11th Five Year Plan include −

i) Building network capacity for handling traffic growth, including Dedicated Freight Corridors.

ii) Enhancing Capacity for production of rolling stock

iii) Upgradation of tracks for heavy axle load movement

iv) Modernisation of freight and passenger terminals

v) Technology upgradation

vi) Reduction in unit cost of operations

vii) Increase in market share in freight traffic